

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

CEN61 — CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. How does the poet feel when a film opens will rain?
2. What is marriage compared to in “Wedding”?
3. Describe the activities of poet’s father in *Though my mother was already two years dead*?
4. Who is “Poor orphan in the sky”?
5. Why does Jerry want to swim deep in the bay?
6. What does the tunnel symbolize in *Through the Tunnel*?
7. What are the safety measures taken by the family in *Once Upon a Time*?
8. Who is the ‘wise old witch’?

9. What will happen in the end of *The Humans*?

10. How does the Englishman help Santiago on his journey in *The Alchemist*?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.



11. (a) Summarize the poem *Rain* by Don Paterson.

Or

(b) Discuss the theme of the poem "Wedding" by Alice Oswald.

12. (a) What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels in *Though my mother was already two years dead*?

Or

(b) How does the moon reflect the mood of the poet in *Lonely Moon*.

13. (a) Describe the relationship between Jerry and his mother at the beginning of the story *Through the Tunnel*?

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of the title *Once Upon a Time*.

14. (a) What is the central theme of *The Humans* by Stephen Karam?

Or

(b) Analyze *English People very Nice* as a play within a play.

15. (a) How did the presence of Richard Parker influence the attitude of Pi during his struggle?

Or

(b) What does Santiago learn from the *Alchemist*?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Analyze Jerry's character evolution and maturity in *Through the Tunnel*.

17. How does Don Paterson exemplify rain in his poem *Rain*.

18. Analyze the cruel pain of death in *Though my mother was already two years dead*.

19. Discuss the theme of Fear and Hope in the play *The Humans*.

20. Water is elixir of life. Describe the statement with reference to *Life of Pi*.